

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2015**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:08 pm at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Becky Murillo, Ellen Han, Toni Henkemeyer, Katie Koch, and John Coy

Commissioners Absent: Julie Knight

Other Present: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Coy, Seconded by Han to approve the minutes from July 21, 2015 with the following corrections: noting Julie Knight as absent and Toni Henkemeyer as not absent, and Ellen Han as having seconded the motion to adjourn.

Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Henkemeyer, Seconded by Murillo to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

Becky Murillo reported that the 5-H meeting was quiet. She commented that the most exciting news is that a couple came to the meeting to discuss funding for putting in a new sidewalk from the Cedars to their neighborhood. Huron Waterloo Land Conservancy is on board with trying to help. The project will cost approximately \$30,000 to do the 500 ft stretch. 5-H has approximately \$17,000 in additional funding to allocate.

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

John Coy discussed the Mast Rd. Bridge – Huron River access point. Coy reported that he contacted the property owner across the River, and that the family would be interested in the property becoming a park. The property is 3-acres. However, the first step is to complete the Master Plan.

C. STAFF REPORT

Justin Breyer submits his report per the packet. He gave a brief update on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board's visit and the Dexter Art Gardens sculptures.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: BENCH/PICNIC TABLE DEDICATION

The Commission discussed previous requests for bench and picnic table dedications. It was reported that guidelines had been developed and given a great deal of consideration. In addition to the guidelines, the Commission would like to provide a list of locations where benches and/or picnic tables are needed.

B. DISCUSSION OF: MASTER PLAN PUBLIC SURVEY

The Commission provided feedback regarding the Master Plan survey as presented. The Commission discussed setting a goal of 300 people, then advertise to meet that goal. To promote the survey, respondents can be entered to win a gift card. Commissioners offered to approach various businesses to get gift cards. Justin will prepare a donation letter.

OLD BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF: LION'S PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Commission commented that they liked the layout of the structure as presented, with one minor change with regard to a climbing apparatus. The Commission discussed the color scheme and had consensus regarding the blue, grey, and black scheme.

Motion Henkemeyer, Seconded by Koch to approve the structure provided by Sinclair Recreation as presented with the following change: modify one climber to the 8' platform; and to approve the blue, grey, and black color scheme with the addition of more light grey.

Ayes: Murillo, Han, Henkemeyer, Koch, and Coy

Nayes: None

Motion Adopted

B. DISCUSSION OF: BIRD AND BAT HOUSE LOCATIONS – IAN BELL'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

The Commission discussed the need for an expert opinion in the location of the bird and bat houses. The Commission suggested that staff approach the Washtenaw County Parks and HCMA to look for an expert. The Commission would also like to have a representative when the expert visits, so that they can be a part of the discussion.

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None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Koch to adjourn at 9:05 pm

Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer

Assistant to the City Manager